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Dear Wisconsin Migratory Game Bird Hunter,

Migratory game bird hunting seasons are rapidly approaching. I hope you spent some time over the summer getting your retriever and yourself in shape, cleaning up your decoys and making plans with friends and family, for this fall.

This year we will again enjoy a 60-day duck season. However, next year we may face a shorter season as the wet cycle appears to be ending in the prairies of the US and Canada. The major change for the duck season this year involves canvasback hunting. The season length for canvasback will only be 20 days (page 14).

Canada goose hunting opportunities during the regular season will be less than last year because of a decline in the MVP population. As you know, this is the group of Canada geese that breed on the lowlands of Hudson Bay and northwest James Bay, primarily in Ontario. Their over all numbers declined about 56% compared to last year. However, the good news is that the number of breeders only declined about 5% compared to last year. Currently, 74% of our harvest during the regular Canada goose season comes from this population of birds. As I write this letter, it appears that overall production was above average and that is good news for the future of this population. Because of the decline in this population, we experienced about a 50% reduction in the number of Canada geese that we can take during the regular season this year. What that means is season lengths will be reduced in the Exterior Zone and Horicon and Collins zone hunters will receive only 1 or 2 tags this year. Please look over the season dates listed on pages 20 and 21. We have listed rather long seasons, but I expect we will reach the assigned quota and will close seasons early in some or all portions of the Exterior Zone. Watch the newspapers for that announcement. We will again offer a special toll free phone number (1-877-833-2837) where you can check the status of an early closure.

We are again offering the special Youth Waterfowl Hunt. I would encourage you to take a youth out for those special days. Regulations pertaining to that hunt are on page 4.

We continue to work with a variety of partners in restoring waterfowl habitat in Wisconsin. Your state waterfowl stamp dollars are combined with dollars from organizations such as Ducks Unlimited, Wisconsin Waterfowl Association, Audubon, The Nature Conservancy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, local sports clubs and others. We use those dollars as a match for additional dollars from the North American Wetland Conser-

vation Act fund, to expand our effort even more. Thank you for contributing to these organizations so that our Wildlife Managers can accomplish even more habitat restoration work.

Congress in Washington DC is beginning to write a new Farm Bill. It is imperative that the Conservation Reserve and the Wetland Reserve continue to be a significant part of the new farm bill. Many of you wrote our congressional delegation seeking their support for these important habitat initiatives in the past. We will be asking for your letters of support in the near future.

Have a safe and enjoyable season.

Jon R. Bergquist, CWB
Migratory Game Bird Ecologist

About the Cover

Les Didier was the 2001 winner of the state Waterfowl Stamp Contest with this painting of common goldeneye. The contest is an annual event open to Wisconsin artists beginning in mid-May. Details may be obtained by writing Bureau of Wildlife Management, DNR, Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707.

New TV Show for Kids

DNR and Discover Wisconsin Productions are producing a half-hour TV show called *Into the Outdoors*. It will be hosted by kids who use the Internet to find other kids their age doing outdoor activities and learning about the environment. The show will be linked to *EEK!*, DNR's web site for kids and will air on weekend mornings. See local TV listings for times and stations.



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2001 Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season - September 15 & 16

Who is Eligible? Only persons age 12-15 may hunt waterfowl (ducks, geese, coots, gallinules and mergansers). All hunters must be accompanied by an adult chaperone age 18 years or older. The adult may not accompany more than two youth hunters. The adult may not hunt ducks, however, an adult may hunt geese if the date concurs with a regular goose season date. (See pages 18-24.)

What type of licenses are needed? Successful completion of a Wisconsin Hunter Education Course (or similar hunter education course from another state) and HIP registration is required. All license and stamp requirements are waived for eligible waterfowl hunters except the Canada goose hunting permit.

What other rules apply? All other regulations listed in this pamphlet will apply. The hours are normal waterfowl hunting hours—1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. The bag limit is the same as during the regular season, listed on pages 14, 15, 20 and 21.

Does this youth hunt include goose hunting? Yes, the daily bag limit for Sept. 15 will be consistent with the appropriate Subzone for the Early September season (see early Canada goose hunting regulations) and will be 1 per day in all Zones on September 16. For a youth to take Canada geese on September 15, he/she must purchase and possess a permit for the Early September Season. Youth taking Canada geese on September 15 must report the harvest using the Early September Season reporting system. For youth to take a Canada goose on September 16, he/she must purchase and possess a permit for the appropriate Regular Season zone. For the Horicon and Collins zones, a youth's permit for any time period will be valid September 16. Youth taking a Canada goose on September 16 in the Exterior Zone and all its subzones must report the harvest using the Exterior Zone reporting system. Youth taking a Canada goose in the Horicon or Collins zone on September 16 must tag the goose with one of their regular season Canada goose tags.

Remember the Three Rules of Firearm Safety

1. Treat every gun as if it were loaded.
2. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
3. Be sure of your target and beyond.

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What's New in 2001

- ★ A restriction has been placed on the hunting of canvasback ducks. Canvasbacks may only be hunted from Oct. 20 - Nov. 8.
- ★ The New Auburn subzone has been eliminated and waterfowl hunting will now be permitted during the duck and goose hunting seasons in that area.
- ★ Wisconsin's first ever morning dove hunting season will begin September 1 and continue through October 30. Pick up a dove hunting fact sheet at your local DNR Service center or check out our website at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/> for the specifics.
- ★ The Pine Island Wildlife Area has been moved from the Horicon Zone to the Exterior Zone. The refuge and closed areas within the Pine Island Wildlife Area have been eliminated.
- ★ A new migratory game bird refuge has been established on the west side of the Winx Flowage in Clark County. This area will be closed to all waterfowl hunting.
- ★ Waterfowl blinds located on public land are now required to have the owners name, address and customer identification number, in English letters one-inch square or larger, affixed permanently to the blind in a readily visible area.
- ★ Wisconsin is taking part in the National Migratory Game Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) to help determine the number of hunters and harvest levels of migratory game birds. If you intend to hunt migratory game birds (ducks, geese, woodcock, coots, rails, snipe, mourning dove or gallinule) in Wisconsin in 2001 you must be HIP registered in Wisconsin. If you registered in 2000, you will need to register

again in 2001. HIP registration is free of charge and you can register when purchasing your license or at any time prior to hunting migratory game birds. **All migratory game bird hunters are required to participate in this program.**

- ★ **Trapping on the Mississippi River:** For the third time in over 20 years, waterfowl and trapping seasons will overlap within the Mississippi (Trapping) Zone—Chippewa River south to the Illinois state line. Trapping will begin on the 2nd Monday in November, providing a period of open water trapping opportunity during long waterfowl seasons. A positive attitude is being expressed by both waterfowlers and trappers regarding this new season. Both feel that with an understanding of each other's needs and a little common courtesy, this year should run as smoothly as last year. For more information please contact: DNR, 3550 Mormon Coulee Rd., LaCrosse, WI 54601 or call 608-785-9000.
- ★ **A special youth waterfowl season** will be held on September 15-16. Only persons age 12-15 may participate if accompanied by an adult age 18 or older. See pg. 4 for more information.

License Information

See page 4 for youth waterfowl hunt license exceptions on September 15-16.

- **License requirement.** A valid hunting license is required to hunt all migratory game birds in Wisconsin.
- **Age related regulations**
 1. **Persons born on or after January 1, 1973, must have a hunter education certificate to purchase any hunting license.**
 2. **Persons 12 and 13 years old** must be accompanied by a parent or adult (18 years or older) guardian while hunting.
 3. **Persons younger than 12 years old** may not hunt or purchase a hunting license.
 4. **Persons 12 years old and over** must have hunting licenses except 2001 Wisconsin hunter education graduates using a hunter education certificate during the period it is valid as a small game license.
 5. **Persons 16 years old and older** must purchase the state and federal waterfowl stamps.

Note: First time Wisconsin Hunter Education Course graduates may use their hunter safety card in place of a small game license and state waterfowl stamp.

- **License/permit/tag use:** It is illegal to allow someone else to use *or carry* your license, permit, tag or stamp, or for you

to use *or carry* some other person's license, permit, tag or stamp.

- **Resident Licenses:** Small Game—\$14.00; Junior Small Game (residents age 12-17)—\$8.00; Senior Citizen Small Game—\$7.00; Sports—\$43.00; Conservation Patron—\$110.00 (includes a State Waterfowl Stamp, but excludes a Federal Migratory Bird Stamp).
- **Nonresident Licenses:** Small game—\$75.00; Five-day small game—\$43.00.
- **Senior Citizen Recreation Card:** (existing cards are still valid as long as the holder remains a Wisconsin resident): Card holders must purchase the Federal Migratory Bird Stamp annually; the Wisconsin Waterfowl Stamp privilege is not required. Card holders must be HIP registered annually (see below).
- **Wisconsin Waterfowl Stamp Privilege** (\$7.00): Available at DNR Service Centers and license vendors.
- **Federal Migratory Bird Stamp** (\$15.00): Available at U.S. Post Offices and some U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service offices.
- **Canada goose permit:** (\$3.00 application fee for exterior zone permit) Required by everyone hunting Canada geese in Wisconsin. This permit is valid for only one zone as shown on the permit.
- **HIP Registration:** (FREE) Required annually by everyone hunting any species of migratory game birds in Wisconsin.

State and Federal Duck Stamps

Any person 16 years of age or older may hunt wild ducks, geese and brant provided such person possesses: (1) A 2001 Wisconsin Waterfowl Stamp privilege noted on the person's valid hunting license. (2) A 2001 Federal Migratory Bird Stamp with the signature of the license holder written in ink across the face of the stamp.

Note: A person who has not reached the age of 16 years is not required to have either stamp. In addition, no one is required to have either stamp to hunt coot, gallinule, snipe, rails, mourning dove or woodcock.

State and Federal Migratory Game Bird Restrictions

Migratory game birds include: ducks, geese, brant, rails, coots, gallinules, woodcock, mourning dove and snipe. The restrictions which apply include all those listed in the general hunting regulations (separate pamphlet) plus the following:

The following rules are both State (S) and Federal (F) unless specifically noted.

- **Dual violation:** Violation of state migratory bird regulations is also a violation of federal regulations.
- **Caution:** More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges and Federal Waterfowl Production Areas open to public hunting. For additional information on federal regulations, contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal Building, Fort Snelling, Twin Cities, MN 55111-4056. Telephone: (612) 713-5458. See page 12 for special non-toxic shot requirements. It is the hunter's responsibility to know what rules apply.

While pursuing migratory game birds, it is illegal to:

- **Hours:** Hunt before or after established hunting hours (pages 30-31).
- **Closed season:** Take migratory game birds during the closed season.
- **Daily bag limits:** Take or attempt to take, in any one day, more than one daily bag limit. **Group bagging for migratory game birds is not permitted.**
- **Field possession limit:** Possess more than one daily bag limit while at or between the place killed and the person's temporary or permanent abode.

Methods

1. Open Water (S)

"Open water" means any water beyond a natural growth of vegetation rooted to the bottom and extending above the water surface of such height as to offer whole or partial concealment to the hunter. Dead stumps and dead trees in the water do not constitute a natural growth of vegetation.

- **Open Water Hunting:** No person may hunt waterfowl in open water from any blind including any boat, canoe, raft, contrivance, or similar device except from:

1. **Mississippi River:** Blinds in any of the waters of the Mississippi River and adjoining counties provided the blinds are securely anchored and located not more than 100 feet from any shoreline including islands. Blinds in open water in Grant County and the Lake Pepin portions of the Mississippi River are permitted regardless of the distance from shore provided the blinds are securely anchored.
 2. **Big Green Lake and Great Lakes area:** Blinds in open waters of Big Green Lake in Green Lake County, Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, and Green Bay if beyond 500 feet of any lake or bay shoreline. Blinds do not have to be anchored in these areas.
 3. **Lake Winnebago and Petenwell Flowage:** Blinds in open waters of Lake Winnebago and Petenwell flowage (north of state highway 21 and south of state highway 73) if located more than 1,000 feet from any shoreline, including islands, provided blinds are securely anchored.
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Note: You may hunt in any open water area provided you are standing on the bottom without the aid of a blind. Blinds mean any securely anchored boat, canoe, raft or similar device. In areas where open water blinds are legal, (see above) they shall be removed at the close of hunting hours each day.

- **Jump Shooting:** The open water restrictions are not intended to prohibit legal jump shooting activities. It is legal to hunt by boat in streams. However, on larger bodies of water, the hunter must keep a portion of the boat in natural vegetation. Skirting the edge of rivers and lakes in this manner is considered legal.
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2. Structures, Boats and Vehicles

While pursuing migratory game birds, it is illegal to:

- **Structures (S):** Hunt from any pier, dam, dock, breakwater or similar artificial structure. Class A disabled hunting permit holders are exempt.
- **Sink box:** Hunt from a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).
- **Waterfowl blind (S):** Establish a waterfowl blind on state property, including the bed of any navigable lake, prior to 7 days before the waterfowl season or leave it established beyond 7 days after the close of the waterfowl season. Any blind left on state property during the season must perma-

nently bear the name, address and customer identification number (in English lettering one-inch square or larger) of the person who constructed the blind.

- **Moving boats:** Hunt from any *moving* boat other than those propelled by paddle, oars or pole. Motorboats and sailboats must have their motors completely shut off and/or the sail furled, and its progress therefrom has ceased.
- **Vehicle use:** Take migratory game birds from, or with the aid or use of, any vehicle except by qualified disabled persons under DNR permit. Federal rules prohibit taking migratory game birds from any motor vehicle, except paraplegics and persons missing one or both legs.

3. Devices

While pursuing migratory game birds, it is illegal to:

- **Decoys:** Hunt with decoys which are:
 - 1. Placed beyond 200 feet from the cover in which the hunter is located (S).
 - 2. Placed in the water prior to one hour before the opening of waterfowl hunting time (S).
 - 3. Left in the water more than 20 minutes after the close of waterfowl hunting time (S).
 - 4. Left in the water unattended. *Note: You may leave decoys unattended on dry land (S).*
 - 5. Live, regardless of distance from the hunter.

All live, tame, or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting, and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl.

- **Bird calls:** Use records, tapes or CDs of migratory bird calls or sounds or electronically amplified imitations of bird calls.
- **Baiting:** Hunt by the aid of baiting or on or over a baited area where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. A baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the complete removal of the bait. Baiting includes placing, exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of salt, grain or other feed that could serve as a lure or attractant for migratory game birds to, on, or over areas where hunters are attempting to take them. Agricultural areas must be prepared in accordance with official recommendations to be legally hunted. It is a separate offense to place or direct placement of bait on or adjacent to

an area that causes, induces, or allows another to hunt by the aid of bait or over a baited area. Hunters are responsible for ensuring that an area has not been baited and should verify its legality prior to hunting. The maximum federal penalties are: for hunting over bait: \$15,000/6 months jail, and placing bait: \$100,000/1 year jail.

- **Hazing:** Use in any manner any air, water, or motor-driven land conveyance for the purposes of concentrating, driving, rallying, or stirring up any migratory game bird to put them in the range of hunters.

4. Guns and Ammunition

While pursuing migratory game birds, it is illegal to:

- **Shotguns:** Hunt with anything other than a shotgun fired from the shoulder, bow and arrow, or by falconry. Persons possessing Class A disabled or crossbow hunting permits may use a crossbow. Taking migratory game birds with a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance is illegal.
- **Shotgun capacity:** Hunt with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.
- **Shot type:** Hunt with any type of lead or other toxic shot when hunting waterfowl, coots and gallinules. Any shot used must be non-toxic (see page 12). This means muzzleloaders must also use non-toxic shot. Only non-toxic sizes BB, BBB, T, or smaller are legal. Size F shot is illegal in Wisconsin. In addition, no person may possess any shotshell loaded with shot material other than non-toxic shot when hunting waterfowl, coots or gallinules. *Note: Except as listed below, lead shot may be used to hunt woodcock, snipe, mourning dove and upland game species. All "Shotgun Capacity" rules apply when hunting woodcock, mourning dove and snipe (see above).* Only non-toxic shot may be possessed or used for hunting upland game species on the Horicon and Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuges and on federally owned Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs), except that lead shot may be used for wild turkey hunting on the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuges and on federally owned Waterfowl Production Areas.
- Shoot a firearm within 100 yards of a building devoted to human occupancy while on lands of another without permission of the owner or occupant.

- Steel shot.
- Steel shot with coatings of <1% total mass of either copper, nickel, zinc chromate, or zinc chloride.
- Bismuth-tin in a mixture of 97-3%, respectively.
- Tungsten-iron, Tungsten-nickel-iron, Tungsten-matrix and Tungsten-polymer.

Non-toxic shot pending approval for use (please contact your local DNR Service Center in September for final confirmation);

a. Tin

- **Weapons transport (S):** Carry in or on a motor-driven boat while the motor is running, any firearm or bow unless such firearm is unloaded or such bow is unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case.

- **Retrieval:** No person may kill any game bird without making every reasonable effort to retrieve such bird. This should be done without delay to prevent loss of the bird. Crippled birds should be immediately pursued.
- **Open water retrieval:** Crippled birds which fall or move into open water should be immediately pursued and a hunter may shoot crippled birds from a boat propelled by paddle, oars or pole. A shotgun may be uncased but may not be loaded while in a boat with the motor running.
- **Tagging:** No person may give, put, or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:
 1. The hunter's signature.
 2. The hunter's address.
 3. The total number of birds involved, by species.
 4. The dates such birds were killed.

No person or business may receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged and a record of such receipt is kept by the business.

- **Possession of live birds:** Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.
- **Importation:** For information regarding the importation of migratory game birds killed in another country.

hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66 (a copy can be obtained from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service address shown under "Caution" on page 8).

- **Shipment:** No person may ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with the:
 1. Name and address of the person sending the birds.
 2. Name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent.
 3. Number of birds, by species, contained in the package.
- **Transportation:** Migratory game birds may be field dressed before they are transported from the field. However, the head or one fully feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being (1) transported from the field *to* the person's permanent abode *and* (2) between a hunting cabin, camp, motel or other temporary abode *to* the permanent abode.

2001 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Zones





Northern Zone and Southern Zone

2001 Migratory Game Bird Seasons (See detailed map p. 13)

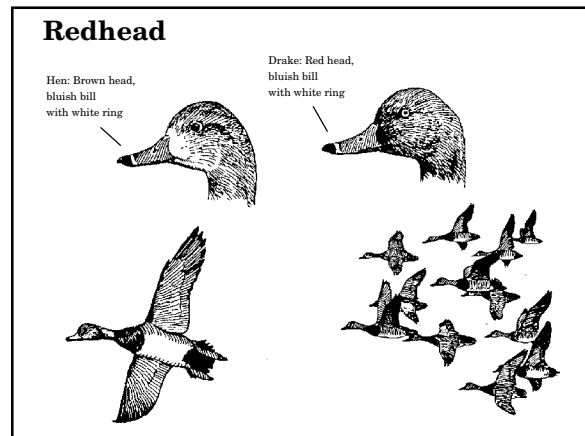


Normal shooting hours (pg. 30-31) apply except on September 29 when hunting begins at noon.

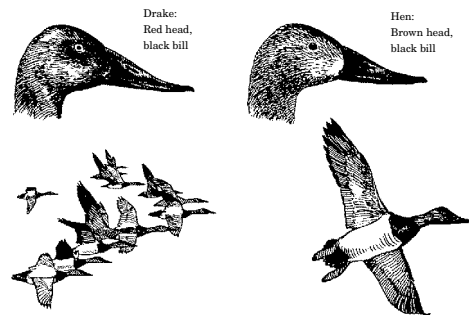
All Wild Ducks	Sept. 29 at 12:00 noon through November 27 except canvasbacks may only be taken Oct. 20 - Nov. 8	Daily bag limit: 6 ducks to include not more than 4 mallards of which only 1 may be a hen, 1 black duck, 1 pintail, 2 redhead, 2 wood ducks, 3 scaup and from Oct. 20 - Nov. 8, 1 canvasback. Possession limit: The possession limit is double the daily bag limit.	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Mergansers	Same as wild ducks. Daily bag may not include more than 1 hooded merganser.		5	10
Coot and Gallinule	Same as wild ducks.		10	20
Sora and Virginia Rails	Same as wild ducks.		25	25
Snipe	Same as wild ducks.		8	16
Woodcock	September 22 through November 5.		3	6

Falconry hunters see page 25 for season dates and bag limits.

Know the difference!



Canvasback



Size/Plumage

Male: large white bodied duck with a reddish brown head and black breast and tail

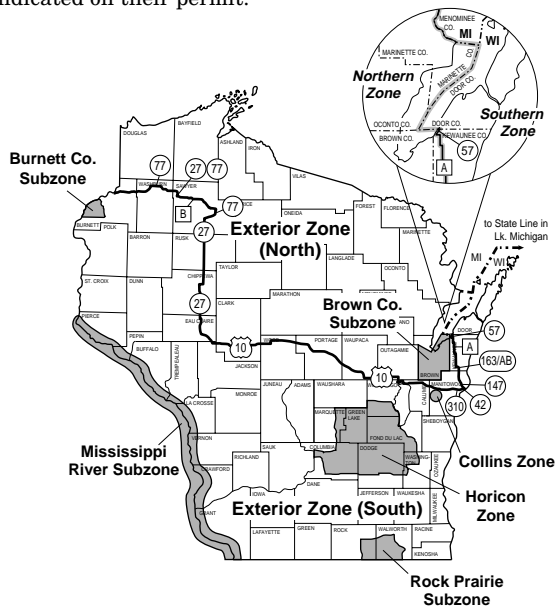
Female: brown head and breast; body is darker than the male

Both sexes can be distinguished from the more abundant redhead duck by their long, black, wedge-shaped bills and elongated heads.

Goose Hunting

Canada Goose Management Zones and Subzones

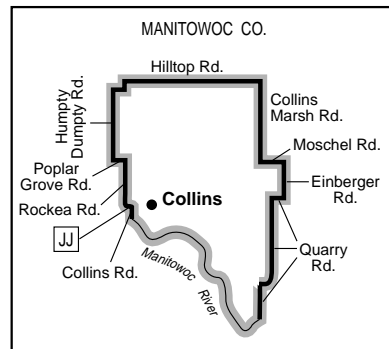
The state is divided into three management zones: Horicon; Collins; and Exterior. To hunt Canada geese in Wisconsin everyone must possess a Canada goose hunting permit which restricts them to one zone. Permits can be obtained by submitting a department application. *In 2002, the application deadline for the Horicon and Collins zones will be August 10th.* Exterior Zone hunters may purchase an Exterior Zone permit until the close of the Exterior Zone Canada goose season. Hunters may hunt in only one zone and in the time period indicated on their permit.



The Exterior Zone includes the following subzones: Brown County, Burnett County, Mississippi River, and Rock Prairie. Only persons having Exterior Zone permits are allowed to hunt Canada geese in these subzones. See page 18 for descriptions of subzone boundaries and season dates.

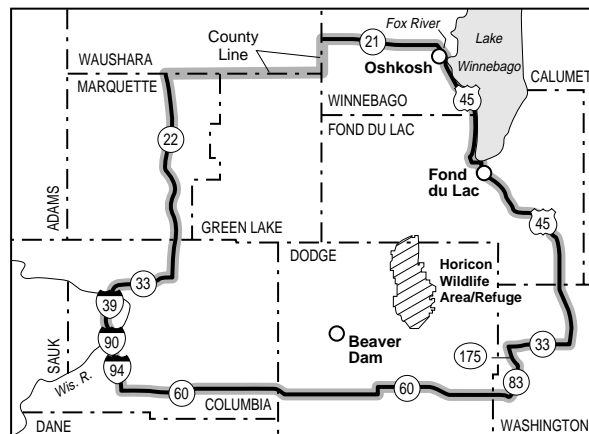
2001 Canada Goose Management Zone Boundaries

Collins Zone



Boundary

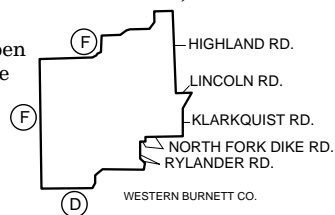
Horicon Zone



Zone Boundary

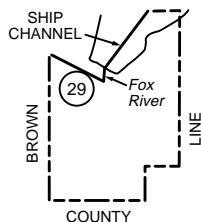
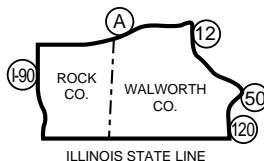
Subzone Seasons (Located within the Exterior Zone)

- **Burnett County**—No open season on Canada geese in the area shown.

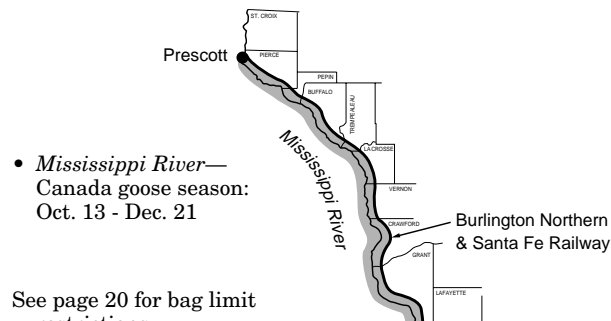


- **Rock Prairie**—Canada goose season:
Oct. 6 - Dec. 14

See page 20 for bag limit restrictions.

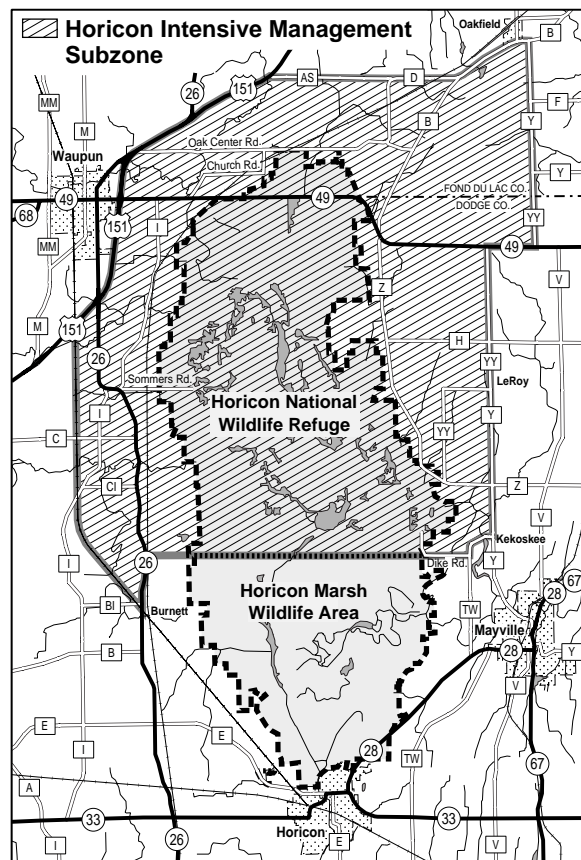


- **Brown County**—Canada goose season:
Oct. 6 - Dec. 14
See page 20 for bag limit restrictions.



Horicon Intensive Management Subzone

The area shown on the following map is a specific area located *within* the Horicon Zone. This separate area has additional rules of its own (page 22).



2001 Goose Hunting Seasons

Normal shooting hours (pages 30-31) apply except on September 29 when goose hunting begins at noon.

Canada Geese		Season Length	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Horicon Zone	Period 1	Sept. 17 — Sept. 28 and Sept. 29 (noon) — Oct. 21	1	Equal to the number of carcass tags received by each hunter
	Period 2	Oct. 1 — Nov. 4	1	
	Period 3	Oct. 13 — Nov. 16	1	
	Period 4	Nov. 3 — Dec. 19	1	
Collins Zone	Period 1	Sept. 17 — Sept. 28 and Sept. 29 (noon) — Sept. 30	1	Equal to the number of carcass tags received by each hunter
	Period 2	Oct. 1 — Oct. 14	1	
	Period 3	Oct. 15 — Oct. 28	1	
	Period 4	Oct. 29 — Nov. 16 and Nov. 26 — Nov. 30	1	
Exterior Zone	North portion	Oct. 6 — Dec. 14	1	2
	South portion	Oct. 6 — Dec. 14	1	2
	Burnett Co. Subzone	Closed	None	None
	Mississippi River Subzone	Oct. 13 — Dec. 21	1	2
Rock Prairie Subzone		Oct. 6 — Dec. 14	1	2

Brown Co. Subzone		Oct. 6 — Dec. 14	1	2
Snow/blue geese, Ross" goose, other geese and Brant		Season Length	Daily Bag Limit and Possession Limit	
Horicon Zone		Sept. 17 — Set. 28 and Sept. 29 (noon) — Dec. 19	Bag limit: Thirteen daily to include not more than the legal daily limit of Canada geese, 10 white geese (snow/blue and Ross' goose), 1 white fronted goose and 1 brant. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit for each species.	
		Sept. 17 — Set. 28 and Sept. 29 (noon) — Nov. 16 & Nov. 26. — Nov. 30		
Exterior Zone	North portion	Oct. 6 — Dec. 14		
	South portion	Oct. 6 — Dec. 14		
	Burnett Co. Subzone	Oct. 6 — Dec. 14		
	Mississippi River Subzone	Oct. 13 — Dec. 21		
Rock Prairie Subzone		Oct. 6 — Dec. 14		
		Oct. 6 — Dec. 14		

Emergency Closure—In the Exterior Zone, Canada goose hunting may be closed earlier than dates listed in this pamphlet if harvests exceed the quota. Closing will be done by Zone and Subzone. See "Hunting Curtailed" on page 28. To check the progress of the exterior zone season call 1-877-833-2837.

Note: Horicon Zone landowners and hunters may be eligible for additional tags. See page 24 for details.

Blind Restrictions

Horicon Intensive Management Subzone

The following rules apply to the hunting of any species of geese during the regular goose season on any land in the Horicon Intensive Management Subzone.

While hunting as described above, you may not:

- Hunt geese, except from blinds, in the Horicon Intensive Management Subzone. Hunters with a Class A disabled hunting permit may hunt outside of, but within 20 feet of a blind.
- Hunt from a blind which is occupied by more than one other hunter (limit of two hunters per blind).
- Hunt from any blind placed within 200 yards of any other hunter-occupied blind.
- Hunt from any blind placed within 100 yards of the boundary of the property on which such blind is located.
- Place any blind within 75 yards of the Horicon Wildlife Refuge.
- Hunt migratory game birds in the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge.

In this special goose subzone, a blind is any framed enclosure or pit camouflaged to provide concealment. A blind may not be more than 15 feet in its greatest dimension. *Note: Crippled geese may be pursued on foot or by boat (described on page 12) with the aid of a dog and shotgun after being shot from your blind, provided you do not enter the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge.*

Canada Goose Permit Validation

Exterior Zone

When a Canada goose is killed and *before it is carried by hand or transported in any manner by any person*, the hunter who killed the goose must validate their Canada goose hunting permit. Validation is accomplished by slitting or punching out the mark indicating the date of kill. Failure to follow validation procedure makes the possession of the goose illegal and can result in enforcement action.

**Pick up litter and
keep your hunting grounds healthy!**

Canada Goose Reporting Requirements

Exterior Zone

You must report each harvested Canada goose within 48 hours of the kill by calling 1-800-99-GOOSE (1-800-994-6673) on either touchtone or rotary telephones.

To check the progress of the Exterior Zone Season call 1-877-833-2837.

Note: Canada goose permit holders and other waterfowl hunters may be mailed a special hunting report. This report must be completed and mailed to DNR. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Permits and tags are not transferable, cannot be reused, altered, or defaced and are only valid for the zone and time period specified on the permit.

Canada Goose Tagging Requirement

Collins and Horicon Zones

When a Canada goose is killed and *before it is carried by hand or transported in any manner by any person*, the hunter who killed the goose must:

- Validate the carcass tag by tearing or cutting out notches on the carcass tag. This designates the month, day and time of kill. Failure to follow this validation procedure invalidates the carcass tag.
- Completely attach the tag (utilizing its own adhesive) to the neck or leg of the Canada goose.

Canada Goose Transportation Restrictions

Collins and Horicon Zones

- You may only transport Canada geese in a motor vehicle in such a manner that the tag attached to the Canada goose cannot be handled by any occupant of the vehicle.
- You must keep the tag attached to the Canada goose until it reaches your home.

Special Horicon Zone Restriction

You may not hunt waterfowl from any road or railroad including their respective rights-of-way. *Note: Railroad rights-of-way are private property and trespass is prohibited unless permission is granted by the owner.*

Agricultural Damage Permits

Horicon Zone

Starting September 17, landowners or leasees with serious crop damage can apply for Canada goose damage hunting permits. They may use 2 Canada goose agricultural damage tags themselves and issue the remaining tags to Horicon Zone Canada goose hunters. The total number of tags available is limited and based on actual goose damage.

Hunter Eligibility: You must possess a Horicon Zone Canada Goose permit to receive additional Canada Goose tags under the damage program.

How to Participate: Contact the USDA Wildlife Services Office in Waupun at 920-324-4454. A recording will explain if agricultural damage goose tags are available and how to obtain and use them.

Restrictions: You may receive up to 2 tags from each landowner participating in the program. *Tags are valid for weekday hunting only.* In addition, you must use your regular Horicon Zone Canada goose tag(s) first if they are valid during the effective dates of the landowner's permit.

Bag Limit: Geese taken under the damage program are part of the daily bag. You may not exceed the daily bag for Canada geese shown on page 20.

Public or Private?

How do I know if I'm Trespassing?

- Navigability determines whether a waterway is public or private. Navigable lakes and streams are public waterways.
- A waterway is navigable if it has a bed and banks, and it is possible to float a canoe or other small craft at sometime of the year - even if only during spring floods.
- Because they are public, you may use navigable waters for fishing, hunting, boating, swimming or other recreational activities, provided public access is available, or you have permission of the landowner to cross their property to reach the waterway. Once on a navigable waterway, **as long as you keep your feet wet, you may walk, fish, hunt, swim, or boat in any navigable lake, stream or impoundment.**
- A new law allows hunters in a navigable stream to hunt while standing in the stream or on the exposed banks, up to the ordinary high water mark.

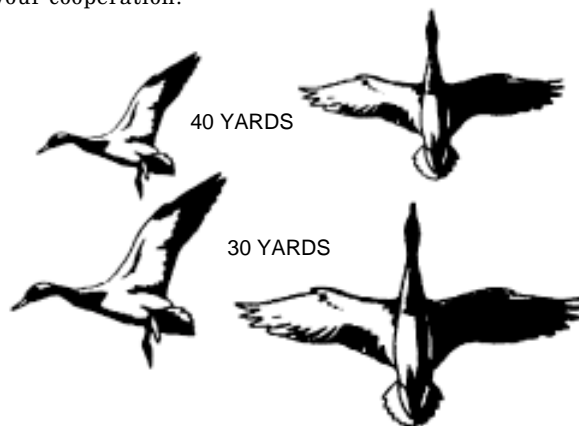
Falconry Seasons

The following special statewide seasons are established for Wisconsin licensed falconers:

Species	Dates	Daily Bag	Poss. Limit
Rails, woodcocks, snipe gallinules and mourning doves	Sept. 1 - Dec. 16	3*	6*
Ducks mergansers & coots	Sept. 15 -16 and Sept. 29 (noon) - Nov. 27 and Jan. 25 - Mar. 10	3* 3* 3*	6* 6* 6*
Geese	Same as statewide gun season	*	*

* The total daily bag limit for migratory game birds is three, singly or in aggregate, to include not more than the legal limit for Canada Geese (listed on page 20) in the zone in which you are hunting. The possession limit for migratory game birds is twice the daily bag.

Prevent Crippling: These pictures represent the *actual size* of mallards at the effective range for steel shot. Test yourself continually during the season by holding your gun barrel up against these pictures. Thanks for your cooperation.



Health Advisory

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources routinely tests many wildlife species to detect contaminants that may pose risks to your health if you eat contaminated game. Contaminants tested in wildlife include pesticides such as DDT, DDE, and dieldrin; industrial chemicals, such as PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) or dioxins; and heavy metals, such as mercury, lead, and cadmium.

PCBs primarily pose health risks to human fetuses, infants, and children by slowing growth and development. PCB exposure has also been linked to cancer in adults and other health problems. Because PCBs may remain stored in body fat for years and pose long-term health risks, health professionals recommend that you limit your exposure to PCBs in your diet as much as possible.

The state Division of Health has issued the following health advice to protect you from exposure to PCBs in waterfowl taken in these areas.

Location	Health Advice
Lower Fox River from Lake Winnebago at Neenah and Menasha downstream, including Little Lake Butte des Morts, to the northeast city limits of Kaukauna	Remove all skin and visible fat before cooking mallard ducks using these waters. Discard drippings or stuffing because they may retain fat that contains PCBs
Lower Fox River from the DePere Dam to the river's mouth at Green Bay, and lower Green Bay south of a line from Point Sauble west to the west shore of Green Bay	
Sheboygan River from Sheboygan Falls downstream to the river's mouth at Lake Michigan	No one should eat mallard ducks using this water
Sheboygan Harbor	No one should eat lesser scaup (bluebills) using this water
Milwaukee River from Highway 167 (Thiensville) upstream to Lime Kiln Dam at Grafton and Cedar Creek from the Milwaukee River up to Bridge Road in the Village of Cedarburg	No one should eat mallard ducks using these waters
Milwaukee Harbor	No one should eat black ducks, mallards, scaup, and ruddy ducks using this water
Waters in the City of Cedarburg	No one should eat Canada geese using these waters

Note: The U.S. Food and Drug Administration standard for PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) in poultry is 3 parts per million calculated on a fat basis.

Don't Shoot a Swan!

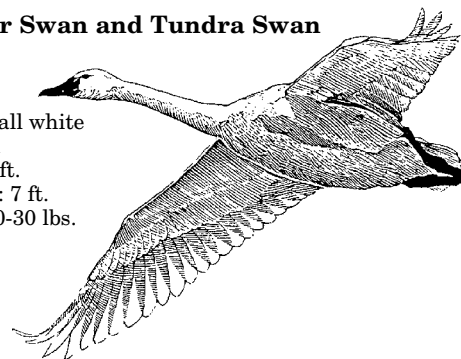
Protected Species

Trumpeter Swans, a state endangered waterfowl species, have been reintroduced in Wisconsin by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Shooting a Trumpeter Swan may cost you up to \$4,000 in fines.

Trumpeter Swan and Tundra Swan

Look for:

- * Plumage: all white
- * Long neck
- * Length: 4 ft.
- * Wingspan: 7 ft.
- * Weight: 20-30 lbs.

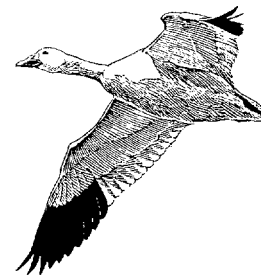


Note: Swans in their first year of life appear grey.

Legal Game Species Snow Goose

Look for:

- * Plumage: White, with black wing tips
- * Short neck
- * Length: 1.5 ft.
- * Wingspan: 3.5 ft.



Note: Snow goose range is west of Wisconsin, few snow geese migrate through Wisconsin. Be sure of your target.

Report violations to your local DNR office or by calling the toll-free 1-800-TIP-WDNR (1-800-847-9367).

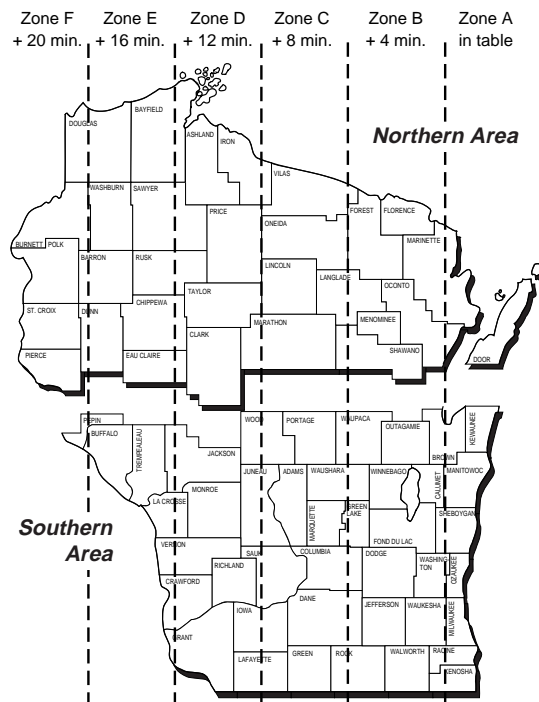
Other Important Information

- **Laws and rules:** This summary of regulations is designed as a service to hunters and is not intended to be a complete digest of all hunting regulations. For specific details, contact the nearest DNR Service Center. Federal regulations relating to migratory game birds are located in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.
- **Hunting curtailed:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requires Wisconsin to restrict the Canada goose harvest outside the tag zones to a specific number. As a result, hunters are cautioned to expect emergency season closures if harvest trends indicate the quota will be exceeded during this year's hunt.
- **Closed areas and refuges:** Because these areas are so numerous, widely scattered and seasonably variable, accurate location maps cannot be provided in this pamphlet. However, all such areas on state land are posted with signs which describe the type of hunting or trapping restrictions. Hunters should routinely scout their hunting area for any special sign before going afield. In addition, contact with the local Conservation Warden or Wildlife Biologist is encouraged. Dead or crippled game may be retrieved by hand without a firearm or with a firearm which is unloaded and enclosed in a proper carrying case or with the aid of a dog from any closed area or refuge unless posted to prohibit public entry.
- **Bird bands:** Should you obtain a bird band, report it by calling 1-800-327-BAND (1-800-327-2263). To report a band by mail, flatten it out and tape it to a 3x5 card or simply write the number on a 3x5 card. Add the date on which the bird was recovered, the location of recovery, and your name and address. Mail the card to: U.S. Geological Survey B.B.L.; 12100 Beach Forest Rd.; Ste.-4037; Laurel, Maryland 20708-4037. Thank you for your help!
- **Boating:** Be sure you are properly equipped while hunting with the aid of a boat. Be aware of the dangers of hypothermia and overloading. For more information, ask for a boating regulation pamphlet at your local DNR office.
- **Vehicle Restrictions:** On federal waterfowl production areas, motorized vehicles are prohibited. Vehicles include, but are not limited to, snowmobiles, trail bikes, all terrain vehicles and motor boats.

Hunting Hours

- Hunting hours for all migratory game birds are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. These hours are shown in the tables on pages 30 and 31.
- Hunting hour zones are established for hunting migratory game birds as shown on the zone map. Actual hunting hours for *Zone A* are shown on pages 30 and 31.
- To establish the opening and closing times for any day in another zone, first determine if you are hunting in the Northern or Southern area.
- Add the minutes shown for the zone in which you are hunting to the open and closing times listed in either the Northern or Southern Zone A hunting hours table.

Zone Map



Zone A Table - Northern Area

	Sept. 2001		Oct. 2001		Nov. 2001		Dec. 2001		Jan. 2002	
Date	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
1	5:41	7:28	6:19	6:30	6:00	4:37	6:41	4:08	7:01	4:17
2	5:43	7:26	6:20	6:28	6:02	4:35	6:42	4:07	7:01	4:18
3	5:44	7:24	6:21	6:26	6:03	4:34	6:43	4:07	7:01	4:19
4	5:45	7:22	6:22	6:24	6:04	4:32	6:44	4:07	7:01	4:20
5	5:46	7:20	6:24	6:22	6:06	4:31	6:45	4:06	7:01	4:21
6	5:48	7:18	6:25	6:21	6:07	4:30	6:46	4:06	7:01	4:22
7	5:49	7:16	6:26	6:19	6:09	4:28	6:47	4:06	7:00	4:23
8	5:50	7:14	6:28	6:17	6:10	4:27	6:48	4:06	7:00	4:24
9	5:51	7:13	6:29	6:15	6:12	4:26	6:49	4:06	7:00	4:25
10	5:52	7:11	6:30	6:13	6:13	4:25	6:50	4:06	6:59	4:26
11	5:54	7:09	6:32	6:11	6:14	4:24	6:51	4:06	6:59	4:28
12	5:55	7:07	6:33	6:09	6:16	4:22	6:52	4:06	6:59	4:29
13	5:56	7:05	6:34	6:08	6:17	4:21	6:53	4:06	6:58	4:30
14	5:57	7:03	6:35	6:06	6:19	4:20	6:53	4:06	6:58	4:31
15	5:59	7:01	6:37	6:04	6:20	4:19	6:54	4:07	6:57	4:33
16	6:00	6:59	6:38	6:02	6:21	4:18	6:55	4:07	6:56	4:34
17	6:01	6:57	6:40	6:01	6:23	4:17	6:56	4:07	6:56	4:35
18	6:02	6:55	6:41	5:59	6:24	4:16	6:56	4:08	6:55	4:36
19	6:04	6:53	6:42	5:57	6:25	4:15	6:57	4:08	6:54	4:38
20	6:05	6:51	6:44	5:55	6:27	4:14	6:57	4:08	6:54	4:39
21	6:06	6:49	6:45	5:54	6:28	4:14	6:58	4:09	6:53	4:41
22	6:07	6:47	6:46	5:52	6:29	4:13	6:58	4:09	6:52	4:42
23	6:09	6:45	6:48	5:50	6:31	4:12	6:59	4:10	6:51	4:43
24	6:10	6:43	6:49	5:49	6:32	4:11	6:59	4:11	6:50	4:45
25	6:11	6:42	6:50	5:47	6:33	4:11	7:00	4:11	6:49	4:46
26	6:12	6:40	6:52	5:46	6:35	4:10	7:00	4:12	6:48	4:48
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28	6:15	6:36	5:55*	4:43	6:37	4:09	7:00	4:13	6:46	4:51
29	6:16★	6:34	5:56	4:41	6:38	4:09	7:01	4:14	6:45	4:52
30	6:17	6:32	5:57	4:40	6:39	4:08	7:01	4:15	6:44	4:53
31			5:59	4:38			7:01	4:16	6:43	4:55

★ Migratory game bird hunting hours begin at noon on Sept.29 except for woodcock and mourning dove.

Zone A Table- Southern Area

	Sept. 2001		Oct. 2001		Nov. 2001		Dec. 2001		Jan. 2002	
Date	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
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3	5:47	7:23	6:21	6:28	6:00	4:39	6:37	4:14	6:55	4:26
4	5:48	7:21	6:22	6:26	6:01	4:37	6:38	4:14	6:55	4:27
5	5:49	7:19	6:23	6:24	6:02	4:36	6:39	4:14	6:55	4:28
6	5:50	7:17	6:25	6:23	6:04	4:35	6:40	4:14	6:55	4:29
7	5:51	7:15	6:26	6:21	6:05	4:34	6:41	4:14	6:54	4:30
8	5:53	7:14	6:27	6:19	6:06	4:33	6:42	4:14	6:54	4:31
9	5:54	7:12	6:28	6:17	6:08	4:31	6:43	4:14	6:54	4:33
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31			5:56	4:43			6:55	4:24	6:39	5:00

* Central Standard Time (CST) starts Oct. 28.

You may purchase licenses with your MasterCard or Visa by phone at 1-877-WI-LICENSE for a \$3.00 handling fee.

DNR Service Centers

Office hours are 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

South Central Region (Madison)	608-275-3266
Dodgeville	608-935-3368
Horicon	920-387-7860
Janesville	608-743-4800
Poynette	608-635-8110

Southeast Region (Milwaukee)	414-263-8500
Hartford (Pike Lake)	262-670-3400
Kettle Moraine State Forest (North)	262-626-2116
Kettle Moraine State Forest (South)	262-594-6200
Plymouth	920-892-8756
Sturtevant	262-884-2300

West Central Region (Eau Claire)	715-839-3700
Baldwin	715-684-2914
Black River Falls	715-284-1400
La Crosse	608-785-9000
Wausau	715-359-4522
Wisconsin Rapids	715-421-7800

Northern Region

Antigo	715-627-4317
Cumberland	715-822-3590
Hayward	715-634-2688
Ladysmith	715-532-3911
Park Falls	715-762-3204
Rhineland	715-365-8900
Superior	715-392-7988
Spooner	715-635-2101
Woodruff	715-356-5211

Northeast Region (Green Bay)	920-492-5800
Oshkosh	920-424-3050
Peshtigo	715-582-5000
Sturgeon Bay	920-746-2860
Wautoma	920-787-4686

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